

His Majesties

# MESSAGE

TO

The House of COMMONS:

CONCERNING

An Order made by them for the  
borrowing of one hundred thousand pounds  
of the Advancement Money

FOR

## IRELAND

Together with the ANSWER  
OF

The House of Commons in Parliament therunto

Ordered by the Commons in Parliament, That this Message and  
Answer be forthwith printed and published.

H. Ellyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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## HIS MAJESTIES MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

**H**IS Majesty taking notice of an Order lately made by the House of Commons, Whereby that House hath unduly assumed to themselves Authority to order, direct, and dispose of One hundred thousand pounds, part of those monies which the Adventurers for the redressing of the Rebells of Ireland have paid to that end, only to that purpose, To other uses and intents, contrary to the expresse words of

of the Act of Parliament concerning the same; Where  
in it is enacted, That no part of the Money which  
Should bee paid in according to that Act, Shall be un-  
employed to any other purpose, then the reducing of those  
Rebells, untill they Shall be declared to be subdued; one  
of His Piety and Princely care for the confirming and  
re-establishment of Gods true Religion in that His  
Kingdome of Ireland; for, the reliefe of His distressed  
Subjects there, for the suppressing of that horrid and  
bloody Rebellion, for the supply and payment of His  
Armies there, now in great Want and necessity; Doth  
strictly require the House of Commons, as they will  
answer the contrary to Almighty God, His Majesty,  
and those that have trusted them, That they immedi-  
ately retract that mischievous, Illegal and unjust  
Order, wherein His Majesty expecteth their speedy  
Answer and Obedience; And the rather that he may  
thereby be secured, that such part of the four hundred  
thousand pounds as is or Shall be collected from His  
good Subjects of England, by vertue of the late Act  
of Parliament, whereby the same is granted, may not  
likewise (under false pretences) be diverted from its  
proper use, for which it was intended, and misemploy-  
ed to the disturbance of the Peace of this Kingdome  
in a War against His Sacred Majesty.

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ANSWER  
OF  
The House of Commons  
TO  
HIS MAJESTIES MESSAGE.

**T**HE House of Commons having received a Message from His Majesty of the 13. of August last, whereby they are required to retract an Order made by them for the borrowing of One Hundred thousand pounds of the *Adversaries M. & Co. for Ireland*, supposing that Order very preiudicall to the affaires of Ireland, and contrary to an A<sup>t</sup> of Parliament made this present Session; Do in the first place Declare, That these directions given by His Majesty for the retracting of this Order, is an high breach of Priviledge of Parliament; And that they cannot without a deep sence of sorrow, call to minde how Popish and Prelaticall Counsells did so far prevail with His Majestie, that two Armies were brought within the bowels of this Kingdome, and two protestant Nations ready to welter in each others blood; That when both those Armies had bene a long time defrayed at the charge of the poore Commons of England, and at length by Gods blessing upon the endeavours of the parliament quietly disbanded, the same wicked Counsells (prevented of that design) did soon after raise this bloody and barbarous Rebellion in Ireland: The suppressing whereof (for the better colour) was recommended to the care of the Parliament; who out of a fellow feeling of the unspeakable miseries of their protestant Brethren there (not suspecting this horrid plot, now too apparent) did cheerfully undertake that great worke, and do really intend and indevour to settle the Protestant Religion, and a permanent peace in that Realm, to the glory of God, and the great honour and profit of his Majestie, and security of his three Kingdomes: But how they have bene discouraged, retarded, and diverted in, and from this pious and glorious worke, by those trayterous Counsells about his Majestie, will appear by many particulars, some whereof they shall upon this just occasion call to remembrance.

When the Lords and Commons had upon the first breaking out of the

Rebellion, immediately provided and sent over 10000. l. And engaged themselves and the whole Kingdom for the reducing of the Rebels: Yet his Majesty after his return from Scotland to London, was not either pleased by Word or Message to take notice of it: untill after some in the House of Commons had truly observed how forward those mischievous Counsellours were, to incite His Majesty against His Protestant Subjects of Scotland; and how slow to resent the proceeding of His Papist Traitors in Ireland.

That although the Rebels had most impudently stiled themselves *The Queens Army*; And profest that the cause of their rising was, to maintaine the Kings Prerogative, and the Queens Religion, against the puritan Parliament of England; And that thereupon both Houses of Parliament did humbly and candidly advice His Majesty to wipe away this dangerous scandall, by proclaiming them Rebels and Traitors to his Majesty, and the Crown of England, which then would have marr'd and weakened the Conspirators in the beginning; And have incouraged both the Parliament here, and good people there, the more vigorously to have opposed their proceedings: Yet such was the power of those Counsells, that no proclamation was set forth to that purpose, till almost three moneths after the breaking out of this Rebellion, and then command given that but 40. should be printed, nor they published till further directions should be given by His Majesty.

That after both houses of Parliament had found out a probable way to reduce the Kingdome of Ireland, by the adventure of private men, without any charge to the Subject in generall; and which they are very confident would have brought in a million of money (had His Majesty continued in or neere London) those malicious Whispersers, that durst not hinder the passing of the Bill, which was so specious in it selfe, and so generally approved; Yet have by practice, by drawing His Majesty from his Parliament, by keeping him at this distance, and advising him to make warre upon his people, so intimidated and discouraged the Adventurers and others that would have adventured, that they have rendered this good Bill in a manner ineffectuall.

That the Parliament and Adventurers had long since designed five thousand Foot, and five hundred Horse for the reliefe of *Munster*; to be sent as a *Battle* under the command of the Lord *Wharton*; had made choyce and listed all the Commanders, and prepared Money, Armes, and other provision for that Expedition, and all to be at the charge of the Adventurers: And when nothing was wanting but a Commission to the Lord *VPharson*, to enable him for that service such was the power of those Counsells, that no Commission could be obtained from His Majesty; by reason whereof *Lynnrick* was wholly lost, and the province of *Munster* is now in very great distresse.

That when divers pious and well affected persons had prepared twelve Ships and six Pinnaces, with a thousand or more Land-forces, at their owne charge

by way of Adventure for the service of *Ireland*, and desired nothing but a Commission from His Majesty to enable them thereunto, that Commission, after twice sending to *Torke* for the same, and the Ships lying ready to set Saile for three weekes together, at the charge of neere three hundred pound a day, was likewise denyed; and those Adventurers (rather then to lose their Expedition) were constrained to go by vertue of an Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament.

That although the Lords Iustices of *Ireland* have three months since earnestly desired to have two peeces of battery sent over, as very necessary for that service yet such Commands are given to the Officers of the Towre that none of his Majesties Ordinance must be sent to save his Majesties Kingdome, That although whilst the Earle of *Leicester* stayed here in the service of the Parliament and in providing for his long expected voyage into *Ireland*, a Message was sent to the Parliament from his Majesty to hasten him away and Letters were written to the said Earle from his Majesty, that he should make no stay at *Torke* for his dispatch, but that his instructions should be ready for him against he came: And although it is notoriously knowne, that the affaires of *Ireland* doe exceedingly suffer by wanting the personall assistance of a commander in Chiefe, to give both life and motion to the Army there; Yet the said Earle hath bene stayed with his Majesty in the North a moneth and more, and as yet can get no dispatch; That notwithstanding the bleeding condition of *Ireland*, yet divers Commanders and Officers in pay, and in actuall imployment there against the Rebels, have bene called away from that important service by the expresse Command of his Majesty, as *Charles Floyd* Engineer, and Quarter-master generall of the Army in *Ireland*, & divers others. That Captain *Green* Comptrorell of the Artillery, a man in pay, and principally employed and trusted here by the said Lieutenant of *Ireland*, for the providing and ordering the trayne of the Artillery which was sent to *Dublin*, and who had received great summes of money for that purpose, was commanded from that imployment and trust to serve His Majesty, in this most unnaturall war against his Loyall and best affected people. That the Parliament having made great provision of Clothes for the poore Souldiers in *Ireland* for their present succour, and sending six hundred suits, part thereof towards *Chester* the last weeke, the man that undertooke the carriage of them *William Whicaker* by name, was assaulted by his Majesties Cavaleers then lying about *Conventry*, who tooke away those six hundred suites of Cloathes, and the Waggon and Horses of the poore man, although they were told that the six hundred suits of Clothes were for the Souldiers in *Ireland*, and notwithstanding the poore Carrier was five times with the Earle of *Northampton*, to beg the release of his Waggon. That three hundred Suits of Cloathes with a Chirurgeons Chest of Medicaments being likewise sent for *Ireland*, by one *Richard Wiffild*, who was imployed by the Parliament to carry them to *Chester*, A poepe of His Majesties Cavaleers under the command of one Captaine *Middle-*



now met with them upon the roade, and tooke away the Cloathes and Chirurgerys Chest, together with the poore Carriers Hories and Waggon for His Majesties pretended service here.

That a great number of draught Horses prepared by the Parliament for the Artillery, and baggage of the *Irish* Army were sent to *Chesster* for that purpose, and being there attending a passage, are now required by His Majesty, for his said present service in *England*.

That His Majesties Forces are so quartered in and about the common roades to *Ireland*, that neyther Money, Clothes, Victuals, or other provisions can passe thither by Land with any safety. That Captaine *Kettleby* the Admirall, and Sir *Henry Stradling* the vice Admirall, of those Ships which were directed to ly upon the Coast of *Ireland*, to annoy the Rebels, and to prevent the bringing to them Ammunition and reliefe from forraigne parts, are both called away from that imployment by his Majesties command, and by reason of their departure from the coast of *Munster*, to which they were designed, the Rebels there have received powder, Ammunition, and other reliefe from forraigne parts, by which and many other particulars too long to relate, it may seeme as if those Barbarous *Irish* Rebels are kept on foote, and countenanced there of designe to assist the Northren Cavaliers, and according to the Earle of *Strafford* unheard of advice to have an Army in *Ireland*, with which his Majestie may reduce this Kingdome, especially considering those confident Rebels have presumed very lately to send a petition to his Majestie, intinling themselves, his Majesties Catholique Subjects of *Ireland*, and complayning of the puritan Parliament of *England*, and desiring that since his Majestie comes not thither according to their expectation, that they may come into *England*, to his Majestie, which Petition we may justly feare, is but a Prologue to that tragedie they have designed to Act here, in case their comming over be Not prevented by the care and vigilance of the Parliament, and good people of *England*.

But lest the House of Commons might seeme to excuse the making of this Order by a way of recrimination, They for a satisfaction to the World protest before Almighty God the Searcher of all hearts, that they have as great compassion and sorrow for the present sufferings of their distressed Brethren in *Ireland*, as if themselves were in their case (into which they are confident, those horrid Traitors, those Monsters of men about his Majesty doe labour to bring this Kingdome) That they have and shall ever really endeavour by all means possible (with a due regard to the present estate of this Kingdome) to supply and support them in this their great affliction notwithstanding the malice and obstructions of all opposers. That the House of Commons lively apprehending the imminent danger of this Kingdome, and finding that whilst they were active here to subdue the Rebels of *Ireland*, there were Papists, Traitors and delinquents more active in the North to cosquer and destroy the Parliament and good p

of *Parliament*, thought it necessary to provide for the safety of both by preparing a competent Army for the defence of King & Kingdom, and although multitudes of well affected persons had cheerfully brought in great store of plate for that purpose, yet in regard the plate could not be voyned with such expedition, as the importance of the service did require, and well knowing that one hundred thousand pounds might for a short time be borrowed out of the Adventurers money for *Ireland*, without any prejudice to the affaires of that Kingdom, whose subsistence depends upon the well-fare of this, and resolving to make a recall and speedy re-payment of what Money should be so borrowed, did make this Order, which that it may appeare to all the world to be neither mischievous, illegall or unjust (as His Majesty by the instigation of those malignant whisperers is pleased to tearm it) the House of Commons thought fit to recite it in *these words*, and in stead of retracting the Order, to re-pay the Money with all possible speed.

The thirtieth day of *July*, one thousand six hundred forty two; It is this day ordered by the Commons House of Parliament, that the Treasurers appointed to receive the Moneys come in upon the Subscriptions for *Ireland*, doe forthwith furnish by way of loan, unto the Committes of the Lord and Commons, for the defence of the Kingdom, the summe of one hundred thousand pounds for the supply of the publick necessity for the defence of the King, Parliament, and Kingdom, upon the publick faith to be repaid duly and carefully within no more time, than it shall not be diverted from the purpose, for which it was intended, or any way frustrate the Acts already made in the behalfe of that Adventure. By which order, and that which hath been here truly set downe, it will easily appeare to all the Indifferent people of his Majesties three Kingdomes, whether the King and his Cavaliers, or the King and his Parliament, do most affect and endeavour the setting of true Religion and a firme and constant peace within that bleeding Kingdom.

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